



#3

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

I, a below named inventor, I declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name; that I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention or design entitled FILTERING NETWORK MANAGEMENT MESSAGES, the specification of which was filed on April 2, 2001 under Serial No. 09/824,997;

That I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above; and that I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

| <u>Number</u>  | <u>Country</u> | <u>Date Filed</u> | <u>Priority Claimed</u><br><u>(Yes) (No)</u> |
|----------------|----------------|-------------------|--|
| -----NONE----- |                |                   |  |

I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application(s) in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me to be material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application(s) and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

| <u>Application</u><br><u>Serial Number</u> | <u>Date Filed</u> | <u>Status</u> |
|--|-------------------|---------------|
| -----NONE-----                             |                   |               |

I hereby appoint:

|                         |                       |
|-------------------------|-----------------------|
| Jerry W. Mills          | Reg. No. 23,005       |
| Robert M. Chiaviello    | Reg. No. 32,461       |
| Ann C. Livingston       | Reg. No. 32,479       |
| Kevin J. Meek           | Reg. No. 33,738       |
| Scott F. Partridge      | Reg. No. 28,142       |
| Harold E. Meier         | Reg. No. 22,428       |
| Thomas R. Nesbitt, Jr.  | Reg. No. 22,075       |
| James J. Maune          | Reg. No. 26,946       |
| Charles S. Fish         | Reg. No. 35,870       |
| Thomas R. Felger        | Reg. No. 28,842       |
| T. Murray Smith         | Reg. No. 30,222       |
| James B. Arpin          | Reg. No. 33,470       |
| Jay B. Johnson          | Reg. No. 38,193       |
| Barton E. Showalter     | Reg. No. 38,302       |
| David G. Wille          | Reg. No. 38,363       |
| Terry J. Stalford       | Reg. No. 39,522       |
| Bradley P. Williams     | Reg. No. 40,227       |
| Robert W. Holland       | Reg. No. 40,020       |
| Christopher W. Kennerly | Reg. No. 40,675       |
| Douglas M. Kubehl       | Reg. No. 41,915       |
| James L. Baudino        | Reg. No. 43,486       |
| David M. Doyle          | Reg. No. 43,596       |
| Tara D. Knapp           | Reg. No. 43,723       |
| Brian W. Oaks           | Reg. No. 44,981       |
| Luke K. Pedersen        | Reg. No. 45,003       |
| William R. Borchers     | Reg. No. 44,549       |
| Matthew B. Talpis       | Reg. No. 45,142       |
| Jeffery D. Baxter       | Reg. No. 45,560       |
| Keiko Ichiye            | Reg. No. 45,460       |
| Beaton, Thomas A.       | Reg. No. 46,543       |
| Pankratz, Kurt M.       | Reg. No. 46,977       |
| Brian E. Szymczak       | Reg. No. 47,120       |
| Thomas J. Frame         | Reg. No. 47,23        |
| Michael R. Barré        | Reg. No. 44,023       |
| Scott F. Wendorf        | Reg. No. 48,029       |
| Brian A. Dietzel        | Reg. No. 44,656 Agent |
| Kevin R. Imes           | Reg. No. 44,795 Agent |

all of the firm of Baker Botts L.L.P., my attorneys with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and to file and prosecute any international patent applications filed thereon before any international authorities under the Patent Cooperation Treaty.

Send Correspondence To:

Baker Botts L.L.P.  
2001 Ross Avenue  
Dallas, Texas 75201-2980

Direct Telephone Calls To:


Terry J. Stalford  
at 214.953.6477  
Attorney Docket No. 064731.0218

I declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Full name of the first inventor

Gilbert Levesque

Inventor's signature



Date

4/24/01

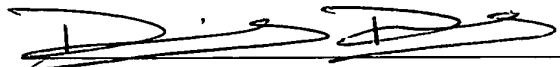
Residence (City, County, State)  
Citizenship  
Post Office Address

Mountain View (Santa Clara), California  
United States of America  
1207 Christobal Privada  
Mountain View, CA 94040-3575

Full name of additional joint inventor, if any

Dharmendra J. Naik

Inventor's signature



Date

4/24/2001 4/24/2001

Residence (City, County, State)  
Citizenship  
Post Office Address

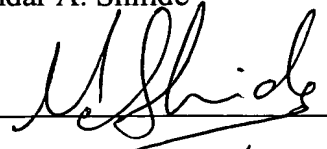
San Jose (Santa Clara), California  
India  
332 Huckleberry Drive  
San Jose, CA 95123-4445

4

Full name of additional joint inventor, if any

Mandar A. Shinde

Inventor's signature

  
4/24/01

Date

Residence (City, County, State)

Milpitas (Santa Clara), California

Citizenship

India

Post Office Address

1775 Milmont Drive, #P212

Milpitas, CA 95035-3048

Full name of additional joint inventor, if any

Avaneesh C. Arora

Inventor's signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Date

Residence (City, County, State)

San Jose (Santa Clara), California

Citizenship

India

Post Office Address


1507 Woodmeadow Court, Bldg. M

San Jose, CA 95131-3716

Full name of additional joint inventor, if any

Syed F. Haq

Inventor's signature

  
4/24/2001

Date

Residence (City, County, State)

San Jose (Santa Clara), California

Citizenship

Pakistan

Post Office Address

1034 South Winchester, Apt. 8

San Jose, CA 95128-3705

4

Full name of additional joint inventor, if any

Mandar A. Shinde

Inventor's signature

Date

Residence (City, County, State)

Citizenship

Post Office Address

Milpitas (Santa Clara), California

India

1775 Milmont Drive, #P212

Milpitas, CA 95035-3048

Full name of additional joint inventor, if any

Avaneesh C. Arora

Inventor's signature

Date

Residence (City, County, State)

Citizenship

Post Office Address

San Jose (Santa Clara), California

India

1507 Woodmeadow Court, Bldg. M

San Jose, CA 95131-3716

Full name of additional joint inventor, if any

Syed F. Haq

Inventor's signature

Date

Residence (City, County, State)

Citizenship

Post Office Address

San Jose (Santa Clara), California

Pakistan

1034 South Winchester, Apt. 8

San Jose, CA 95128-3705